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1. History:

The Tisovec (Q 49/D 34) Blast Furnace Plant is the only plant of its kind in Slovakia. It was in operation long before the war but had to be thoroughly overhauled after the war. It did not resume production before April 1947. It is a very small plant.

2. Raw materials:

a. Ore shipments come by cableway from the Zeleznik spathic iron ore mine 15 km SE of Tisovec. The ore buckets are about 100 x 60 x 50 cm in size and hold about one ton of ore. One bucket arrives by the cableway almost every minute. Thus average of about 500 tons of ore may come to the plant daily.

b. Coke shipments come by rail from the Ostrava-Karwin District.

c. Shipments of limestone come by a 3-km long cableway from a limestone quarry upstream on the Rimava River.

3. Production:

The 50,000 ton production mark was celebrated. It was reached from the start of production to about the end of June 1948. As the start of operation was in April 1947, an annual capacity of about 40,000 tons of pig iron can be assumed.

4. Outgoing shipments:

The finished ingots are shipped by rail to the Brezno and Podbrezova Iron Works.

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25X1A Comment:

The Tisovec Iron Works for pig iron production is a subsidiary of the Central Slovakian Iron Works National Corporation in Podbrezova (Q 49/D 06).

A short description of the installation of this national enterprise was furnished in a previous report but without mentioning the Tisovec installation. \*

The credible information on the Tisovec Plant indicated in this report supplements the previous report. \*

The annual pig iron production in Slovakia had declined during the Czechoslovakian era before the WW II from about 190,000 tons to an average of 40,000 tons.

Of a total Czechoslovakian production of 1.64 million tons of pig iron in 1948, only about 45,000 tons i.e. about 2.7 percent were produced in Slovakia. The maximum annual production in 1937 was 48,000 tons. Thus the capacity of this small iron works is fully utilized with a daily pig iron production of 150 tons.

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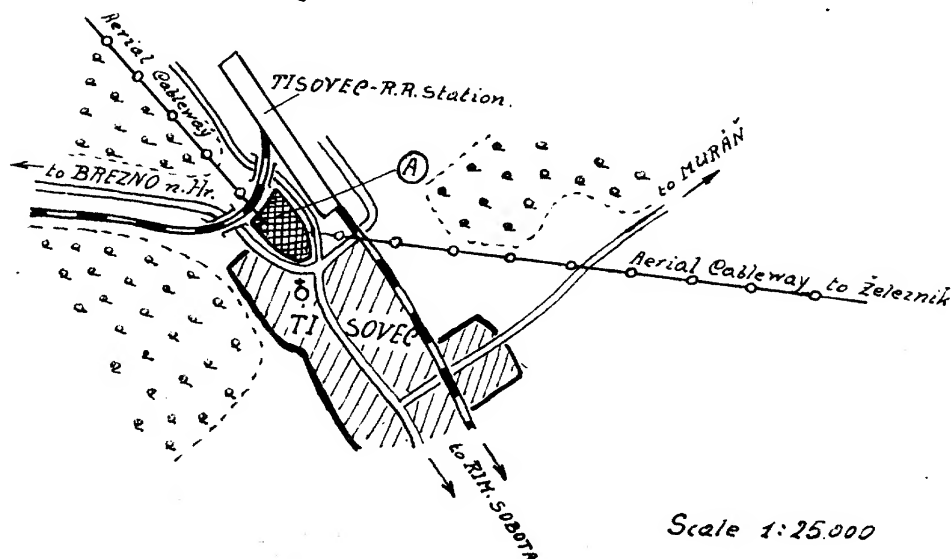
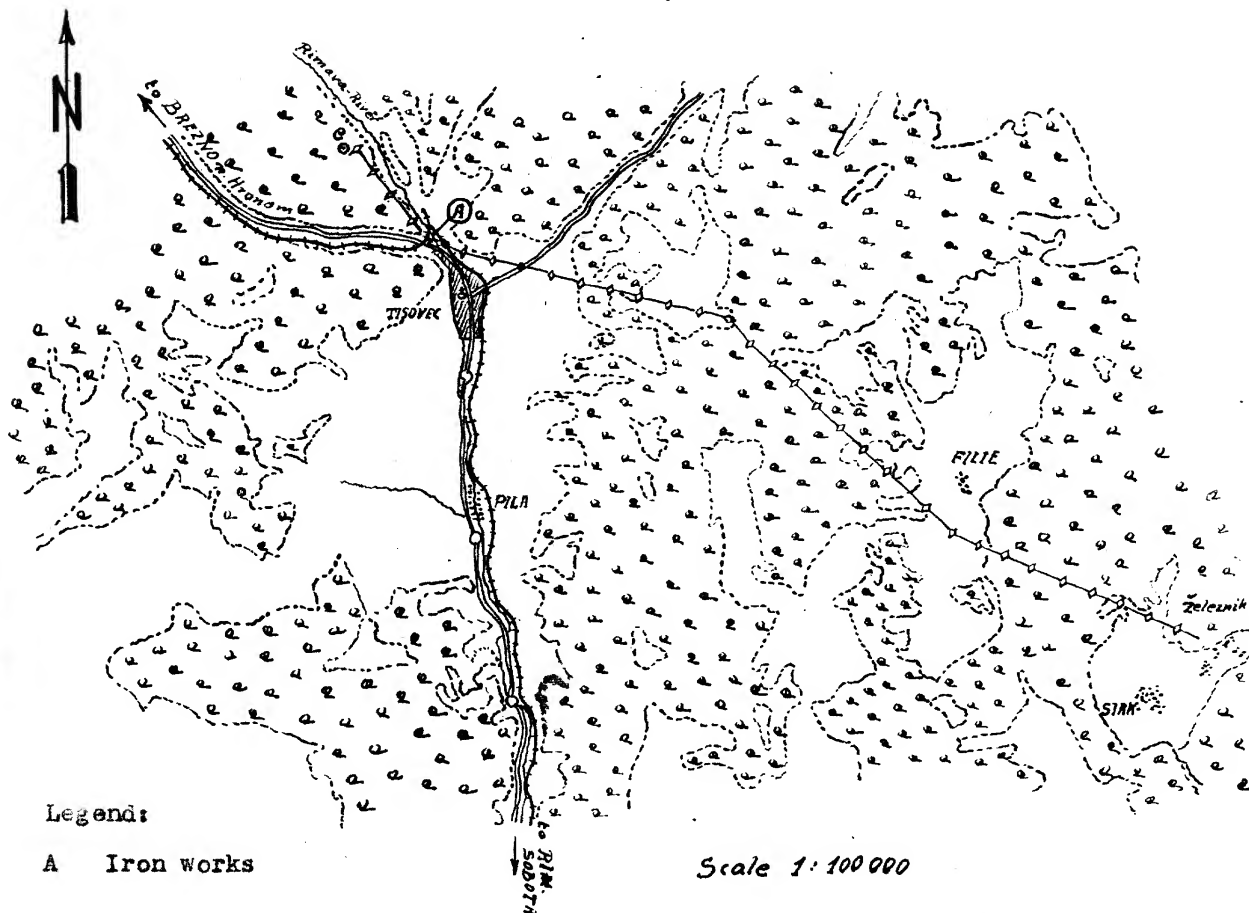
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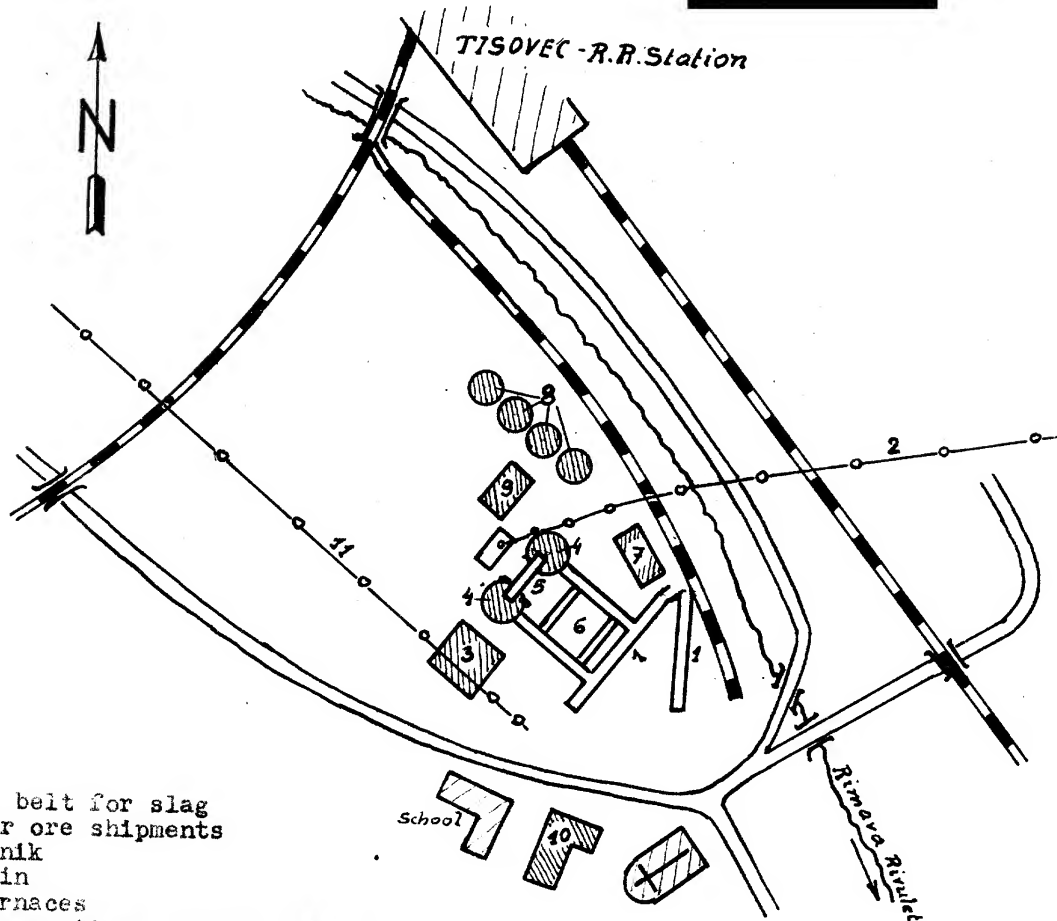
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Legend:

- 1 Conveyor belt for slag
- 2 Cable for ore shipments to Zeleznik
- 3 Slag basin
- 4 Blast furnaces
- 5 Bridge connecting two blast furnaces
- 6 Tapping gutters
- 7 Magnet for loading of ingots
- 8 Hot blast stoves
- 9 Machine house
- 10 Laboratory
- 11 Cable railway to the Rimava Valley for limestone shipments